was very firm in the fight against corruption and institutions would be empowered to deal with the vice," a source quoted her as saying.

The proposals come amid growing concern over the scale of corruption

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The nine-day engagement is being held under the theme of aligning leaders to protect gains and accelerate Uganda's transition to a higher middle-income economy.

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Tanzania envoy rallies Africa against neo-colonialism

BY BUSEIN SAMILU

KAMPALA. The Tanzanian High Commissioner to Uganda, Gen Paul Kisesa Simuli, has called on African countries to unite around a common goal of ending neo-colonialism, warning that the long-held dream of Pan-Africanism will remain unrealised without collective action.

Speaking at the 2026 Julius Nyerere Leadership Lecture and Youth Conversation at Makerere University yesterday, Gen Kisesa said Africa's vision of unity, self-determination, and shared destiny continues to face significant challenges.

"Pan-Africanism is a belief that African people, both on the continent and in the diaspora, share not only a common history but a common destiny," he said. "The only way to unite Africa is to have a common goal. If all African countries concentrate on ending neo-colonialism, it will bring us together," he added.

Gen Kisesa noted that despite ongoing discussions on regional integration and economic cooperation, deeper cultural and social unity remains elusive. According to him, many young Africans continue to identify more with Western influences than with their own heritage.

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"A united Africa must invest in education reforms that prioritise African history, languages, and shared values," he said.

Gen Kisesa also questioned the continued existence of travel restrictions across African countries, saying they undermine the continent's integration agenda.

"While European citizens can move freely across borders, Africans still face visa restrictions within their own continent. Until free movement becomes a reality, true Pan-Africanism will remain on paper," he said.

The lecture, organised by the Makerere University Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre, brought together young leaders from universities and national political spaces under the theme "Africa's Next Generation: Youth Urgency and the Leadership Africa Needs."

The event also paid tribute to Julius Nyerere, a key figure in Africa's liberation struggle and a former student of Makerere University. Nyerere, widely known as Mwalimu, led Tanzania from independence and is remembered for championing unity, self-reliance, and servant leadership.

Speaking at the same event, Dr Nansozi K Muwanga, the executive director of the Julius Nyerere Leadership Centre, said Africa is at a critical moment shaped by a youthful population and rising political awareness.

"We are living in a defining moment marked by increasing citizen participation, but also facing complex challenges such as corruption, governance issues, and limited economic opportunities for young people," she said.

She added that Nyerere's legacy remains relevant today, particularly his emphasis on leadership as a form of service rather than power.

Ms Helena Nyerere, representing the Nyerere family, called on young Africans to uphold the values of integrity and service.

"A day like this allows us to reflect on the impact of my grandfather's leadership. He led with integrity and from a place of service, and we must carry that forward," she said.

In his keynote address, Ghanaian journalist Israel Laryea urged young people to prepare themselves before demanding leadership space.

"Young people should not expect opportunities to be handed to them. They must be ready to contribute meaningfully and influence society," he said.

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